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IN OLD BAGDAD

GATHER CLOSER AROUND THE FIRE, MY EAGER LISTENERS, AND I WILL TELL YOU THE STRANGEST TALE EVER TOLD! THE STORY OF THE BEAUTIFUL SLAVE GIRL AND THE SULTAN!
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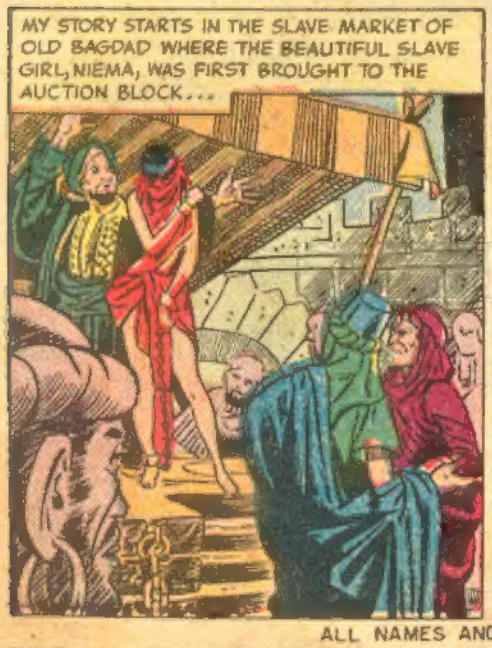
MY STORY STARTS IN THE SLAVE MARKET OF OLD BAGDAD WHERE THE BEAUTIFUL SLAVE GIRL, NIEMA, WAS FIRST BROUGHT TO THE AUCTION BLOCK...

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ONE YOUNG MERCHANT WAS SO DAZED BY HER BEAUTY THAT HE OFFERED A SUM NEVER BEFORE PAID IN THE MARKETPLACE FOR A SLAVE GIRL...
ONE THOUSAND DINARS!
SOLD TO ALI PASHA! TAKE HER... SHE IS YOURS!
BUT HER BLACK EYES AND MILK-WHITE SKIN HAD SO HYPNOTIZED ALI THAT HE COULD NOT BRING HIMSELF TO TREAT HER AS A SLAVE...
OH, NIEMA, I DO NOT WANT YOU TO BE A SLAVE! I WANT YOU TO LOVE ME AS A WIFE!
THEN FREE ME! FREE ME AND I WILL LOVE YOU FOREVER!
AND SO THE LOVE-STRUCK YOUNG MERCHANT SAT HIMSELF DOWN TO SIGN THE DOCUMENT THAT WOULD SET HIS SLAVE GIRL FREE...
GOOD EVENING, ALI...WHAT ARE YOU WRITING THERE?
ALLAH BE WITH YOU, MOHAMMED, COME IN AND RELAX! I AM SIGNING THE PAPERS THAT WILL SET NIEMA FREE! SHE IS GOING TO BE MY WIFE!
BUT THE CRAFTY NIEMA HAD OTHER PLANS, AND SHE WHISPERED INTO THE FRIEND'S EAR...
AND THE THOUGHT OF THE SWEET PROMISES FROM SUCH A BEAUTY DROVE MOHAMMED TO BETRAY HIS FRIEND...
THE FIRST STEP IN THE PLANS OF AN AMBITIOUS WOMAN...
I DID IT! I KILLED HIM! NOW KEEP YOUR PROMISE! YOU'LL BE MINE FOREVER!
FOREVER IS GOING TO BE A SHORT TIME, YOU STUPID FOOL!
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NIEMA WAS RIGHT, BECAUSE WHEN SHE FOUND THAT MOHAMMED HAD A HANDSOME YOUNG BROTHER CALLED BEY, SHE WASTED NO TIME...
YOU'RE VERY HANDSOME, BEY! I LIKE YOU SO MUCH!
AND IT WASN'T LONG BEFORE THE TWO BROTHERS WERE AT EACH OTHER'S THROATS, BECAUSE OF THE RUTHLESS, AMBITIOUS BEAUTY...

BEFORE I'M THROUGH I'LL BE MARRIED TO THE SULTAN OF BAGDAD! AND THEN I'LL TEACH THESE FOOLS WHAT A WOMAN CAN DO...
HE'S DEAD, AND NOW YOU'RE MINE!
OF COURSE, DARLING! YOU WERE THE ONE I LOVED FROM THE MOMENT I SAW YOU!

THEY WERE MARRIED, BUT NIEMA DID NOT STOP PLOTTING! A WEEK LATER AS SHE AND BEY WERE WATCHING A PRINCE AND HIS CARAVAN PASS THRU THE CITY...
HELP! LET GO OF ME! HELP!
WHAT IS THE MATTER? WHY ARE YOU ACTING LIKE THIS?

UNHAND HER, YOU DOG!
BUT-- I---I
ARGGH!
WOP!

OH, PRINCE! YOU'VE SAVED ME FROM THAT MONSTER! I DON'T KNOW HOW TO SHOW MY GRATITUDE!
COME WITH ME ...I WON'T BEAT YOU AS HE DID! YOU CAN BE MY WIFE!

FOR A WHILE, NIEMA WAS SATISFIED WITH HER RICH, HANDSOME PRINCE, BUT HER HATRED OF ALL MEN AND HER UNSATISFIED AMBITIONS TOOK HOLD OF HER AGAIN...
AH, IT'S NICE TO BE RICH, BUT KAHN IS SUCH A BORE! WITH MY BEAUTY AND PERFECTION I COULD MARRY THE SULTAN, AND SHOW THESE FILTHY PEOPLE MY REVENGE!

KAHN, MY DARLING...I'M VERY BORED STAYING HERE AT HOME ALONE! WHY DON'T YOU TAKE ME WITH YOU TO THE SULTAN'S COURT?
OF COURSE, NIEMA...I WAS ABOUT TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS! IN A WEEK WE SHALL HAVE THE HONOR OF DINING WITH THE SULTAN OF BAGDAD!
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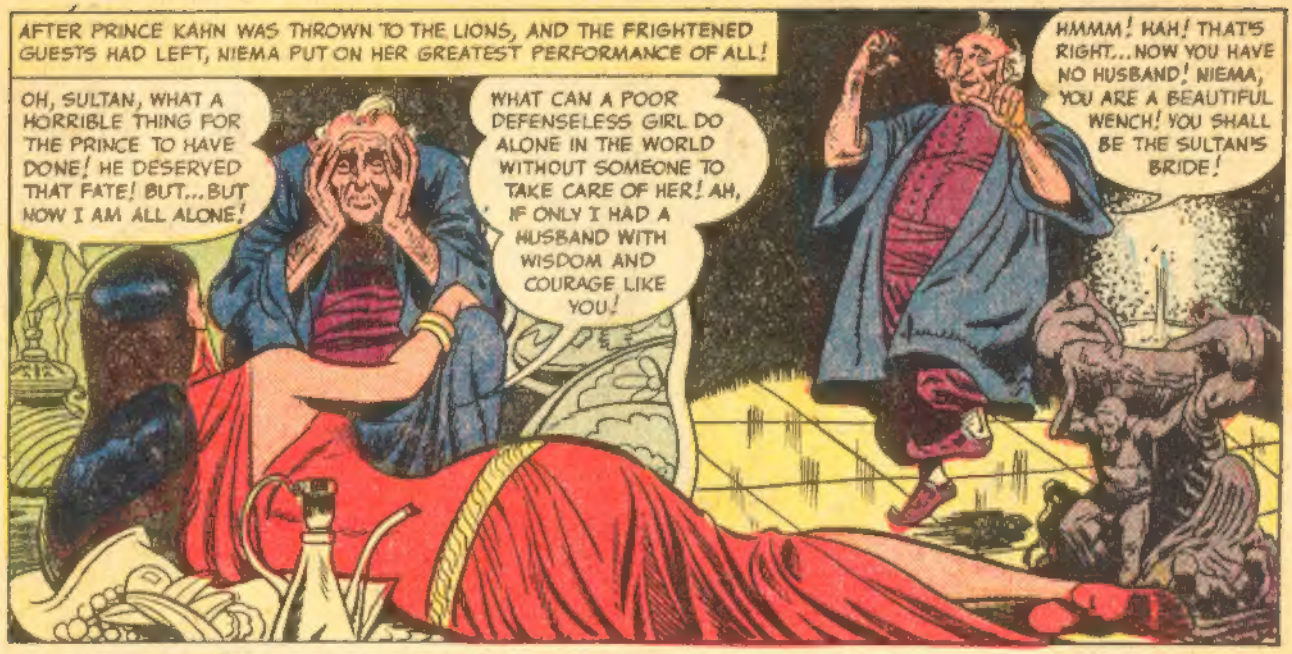
THE PREPARATIONS WERE MADE, AND ON THE DAY OF THE FEAST OF ALLAH, THE PRINCE'S RETINUE MADE ITS WAY THRU THE STREETS OF THE CITY TO THE SULTAN'S PALACE...
AT LAST! THIS IS THE DAY I'VE DREAMED OF SINCE THEY FIRST BROUGHT ME TO THIS CITY AS A SLAVE!
AT DINNER, EVEN THE SULTAN -- WHO HAD SEEN THE BEAUTIES OF THE FOUR CORNERS OF THE EARTH -- WAS CAPTIVATED BY THE LOVELY NIEMA!
AH, PRINCE KAHN... I ENVY YOU! WITH SUCH A LOVELY WIFE, A MAN COULD WISH FOR NO MORE ON THIS EARTH!
NIEMA HAS NOT ONLY BEAUTY, MY SULTAN... BUT SHE IS A CLEVER ONE TOO!
HOURS LATER, THE GUESTS -- FILLED WITH GOOD FOOD AND WINE -- DROPPED OFF ONE BY ONE TO SLEEP OFF THE EFFECTS OF THE FEAST...
THE STUFFED PIGS ARE ALL DRUNK AND SLEEPING! NOW IS THE CHANCE!
I UNDERSTAND! AND YOU PAY WITH YOUR LIFE! THROW HIM TO THE LIONS!
NO! NO! MERCY! MERCY! AAAAEII!
GUARDS! GUARDS! SO, PRINCE KAHN... IT IS YOUR KNIFE! YOU TRY TO MURDER THE SULTAN WHO GIVES YOU HOSPITALITY!
BUT I--- I DON'T UNDERSTAND!


AFTER PRINCE KAHN WAS THROWN TO THE LIONS, AND THE FRIGHTENED GUESTS HAD LEFT, NIEMA PUT ON HER GREATEST PERFORMANCE OF ALL!
OH, SULTAN, WHAT A HORRIBLE THING FOR THE PRINCE TO HAVE DONE! HE DESERVED THAT FATE! BUT...BUT NOW I AM ALL ALONE!
WHAT CAN A POOR DEFENSELESS GIRL DO ALONE IN THE WORLD WITHOUT SOMEONE TO TAKE CARE OF HER! AH, IF ONLY I HAD A HUSBAND WITH WISDOM AND COURAGE LIKE YOU!
HMMM! HAH! THAT'S RIGHT...NOW YOU HAVE NO HUSBAND! NIEMA, YOU ARE A BEAUTIFUL WENCH! YOU SHALL BE THE SULTAN'S BRIDE!

SO, IT CAME TO PASS THAT NIEMA, THE SLAVE GIRL, RUTHLESSLY FOUGHT HER WAY TO THE TOP, TO BECOME THE SULTAN'S WIFE! THE WEDDING WAS THE MOST ELABORATE EVER SEEN IN ARABY...

THE MORNING AFTER THE WEDDING CEREMONY, NIEMA FELT THE LUXURY OF A QUEEN! EVERYTHING THAT SHE HAD PLANNED HAD COME TO PASS! SHE WAS THE SULTAN'S WIFE! THE MOST POWERFUL WOMAN IN THE LAND!

BUT THEY DRAGGED HER FROM HER CHAMBERS, IGNORING HER SCREAMS...
OUT OF THE PALACE, INTO THE COURTYARD...
AND WHEN SHE SAW THE THING THAT AWAITED HER...
HER CRIES OF RAGE TURNED TO SHRIEKS OF ANGUISH AND HORROR!
NO! NO! NOT THAT! WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS? WHAT HAVE I DONE??
YOU HAVE DONE NOTHING, BUT OUR GREAT SON OF ALLAH, THE SULTAN, IS DEAD...AND THIS IS THE CUSTOM OF OUR LAND...
...FOR THE LIVING WIFE OF THE DEAD SULTAN TO FOLLOW HIM... BY BEING THROWN ALIVE TO THE LIONS!
NO! NO! AAAIIIEEE!
THE BEAUTIFUL NIEMA WAS RIPPED APART BY THE LIONS! THAT WAS THE END OF HER...AND THIS IS THE END OF MY TALE! EVERY WORD OF IT IS JUST AS IT HAPPENED!
HERE LIES NIEMA 65TH WIFE OF THE SULTAN OF BAGDAD
I KNOW!
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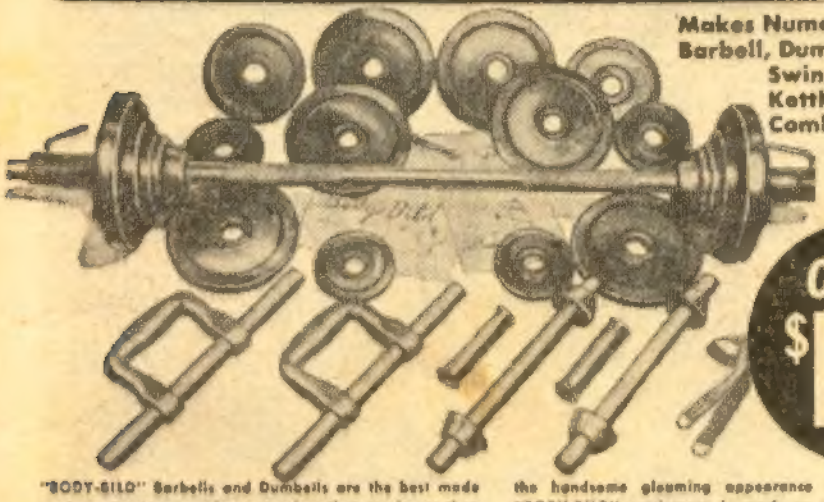

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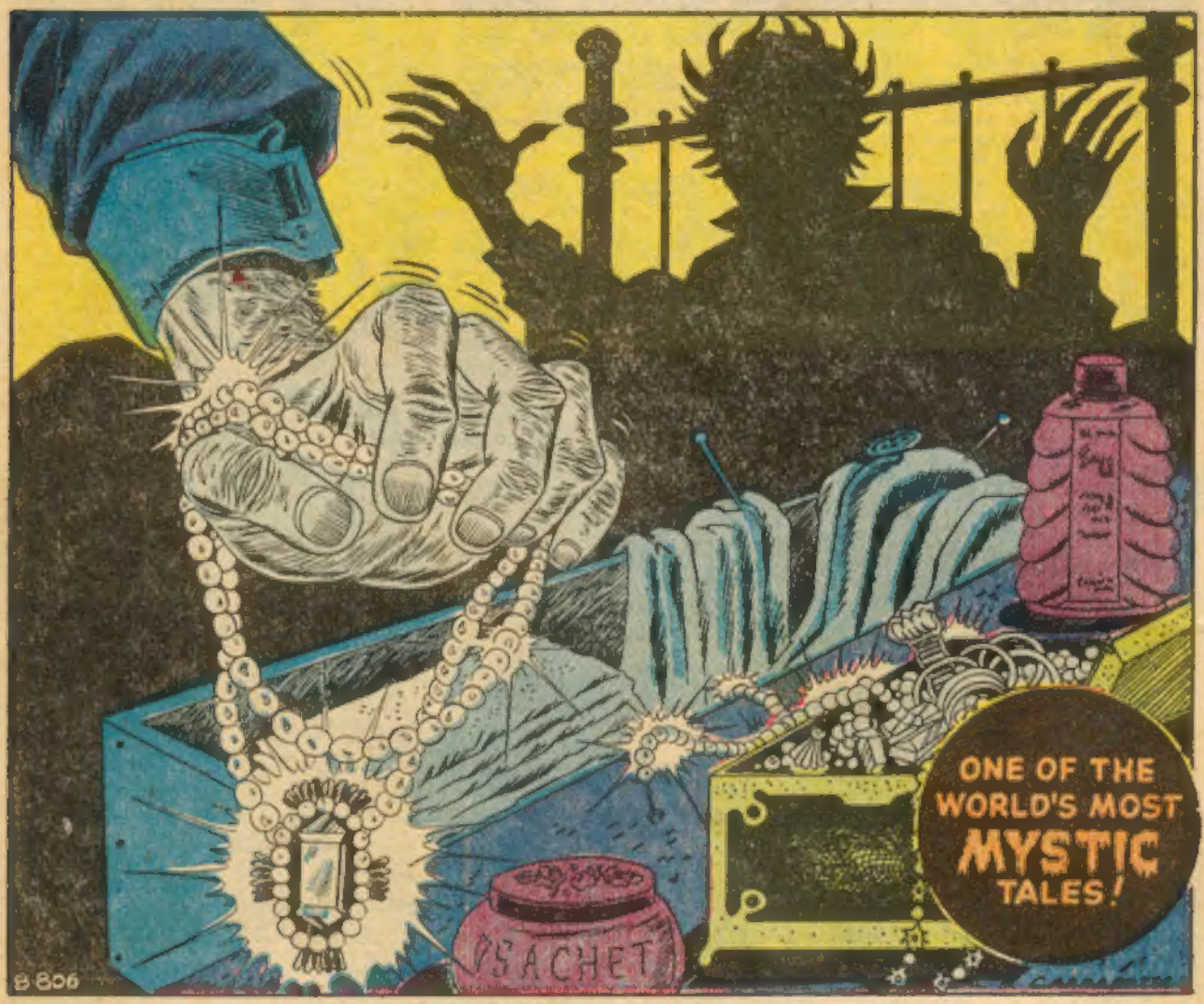


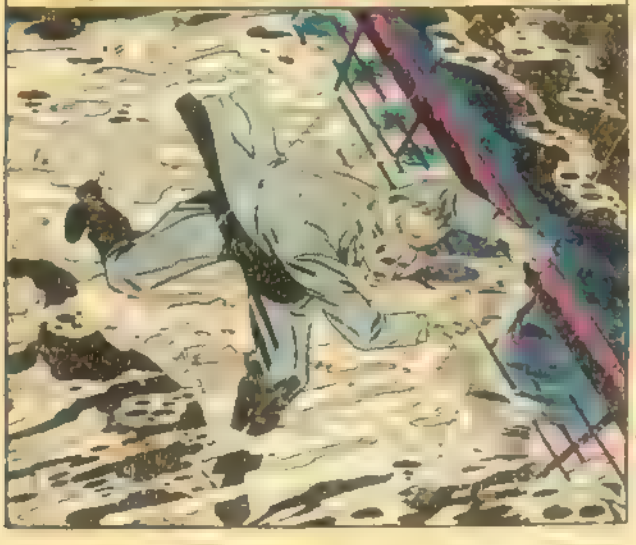
ALL IS QUIET ABOARD THE SLEEK, NIGHT-SHROUDED LUXURY LINER... ALL IS QUIET AS SHE KNIFES HER WAY SKILLFULLY THRU CHOPPY WATERS...WHEN SUDDENLY...!

YOUR NIMBLE FINGERS, RIFLING THE VALUABLE CONTENTS OF A JEWELRY BOX, FREEZE... FOR THE PIERCING CRY IS DIRECTLY BEHIND YOU!

"THIEF" THE OLD GIRL CALLS YOU... AND SCREAMS AGAIN! WELL, YOU'RE NOT GOING TO STICK AROUND AND TELL HER HOW SUCCESSFUL YOU'VE BEEN ON OTHER TRANS-OCEANIC RUNS!

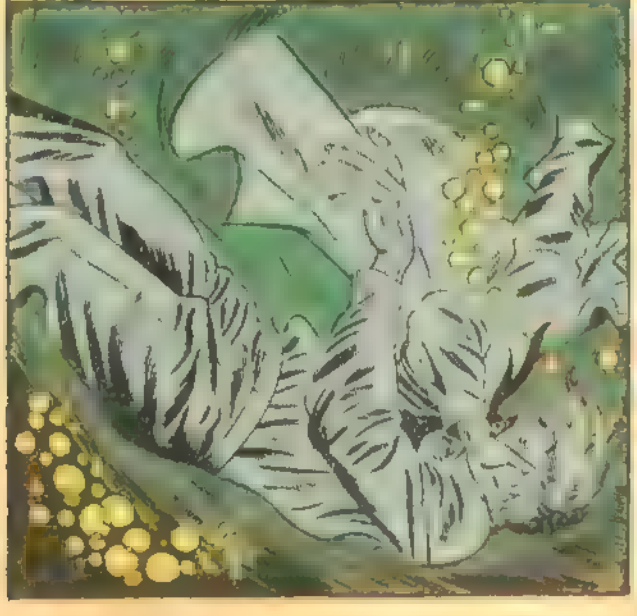
YOU SILENTLY CURSE YOUR LUCK--AND THE OLD DOWAGER'S SLIGHT SLEEPING HABITS! THE WHOLE SHIP SEEMS TO BE AWAKENING AS YOU GAIN A COMPANIONWAY!

YOU GAIN THE SECURITY OF NIGHT... BUT THE DECK IS WET AND SLIPPERY, THE SHIP ROLLS AND PITCHES LIKE A WOUNDED EEL!



RAIN-FILLED WIND BUFFETS YOU MERCILESSLY AS YOU INCH FORWARD... YOUR FINGERS CURVE TENACIOUSLY ABOUT THE SLEEK, COLD RAIL! THEN, THE BOW PLUNGES DEEP, DEEP, IN A SUDDEN SHUDDERING MOVEMENT!

TONS OF WATER HURL YOU INTO THE OPEN SEA! AND THEN CLOSE OVER YOU..



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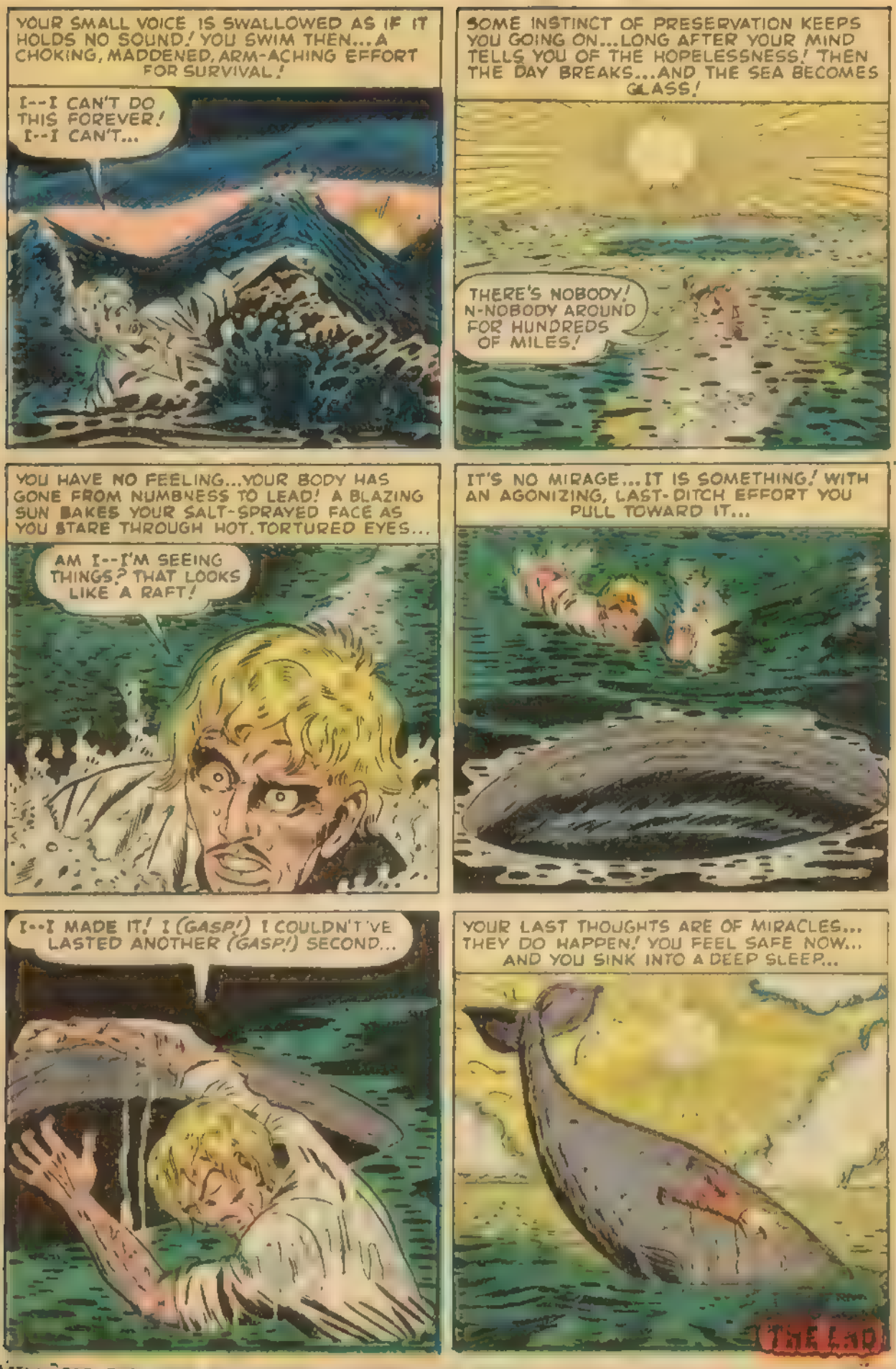
YOUR SMALL VOICE IS SWALLOWED AS IF IT HOLDS NO SOUND! YOU SWIM THEN... A CHOKING, MADDENED, ARM-ACHING EFFORT FOR SURVIVAL!
I--I CAN'T DO THIS FOREVER! I--I CAN'T...
SOME INSTINCT OF PRESERVATION KEEPS YOU GOING ON... LONG AFTER YOUR MIND TELLS YOU OF THE HOPELESSNESS! THEN THE DAY BREAKS... AND THE SEA BECOMES GLASS!
THERE'S NOBODY! N-NOBODY AROUND FOR HUNDREDS OF MILES!
YOU HAVE NO FEELING... YOUR BODY HAS GONE FROM NUMBNESS TO LEAD! A BLAZING SUN BAKES YOUR SALT-SPRAYED FACE AS YOU STARE THROUGH HOT, TORTURED EYES...
AM I--I'M SEEING THINGS? THAT LOOKS LIKE A RAFT!
IT'S NO MIRAGE... IT IS SOMETHING! WITH AN AGONIZING, LAST-DITCH EFFORT YOU PULL TOWARD IT...
I--I MADE IT! I (GASP!) I COULDN'T'VE LASTED ANOTHER (GASP!) SECOND...
YOUR LAST THOUGHTS ARE OF MIRACLES... THEY DO HAPPEN! YOU FEEL SAFE NOW... AND YOU SINK INTO A DEEP SLEEP...
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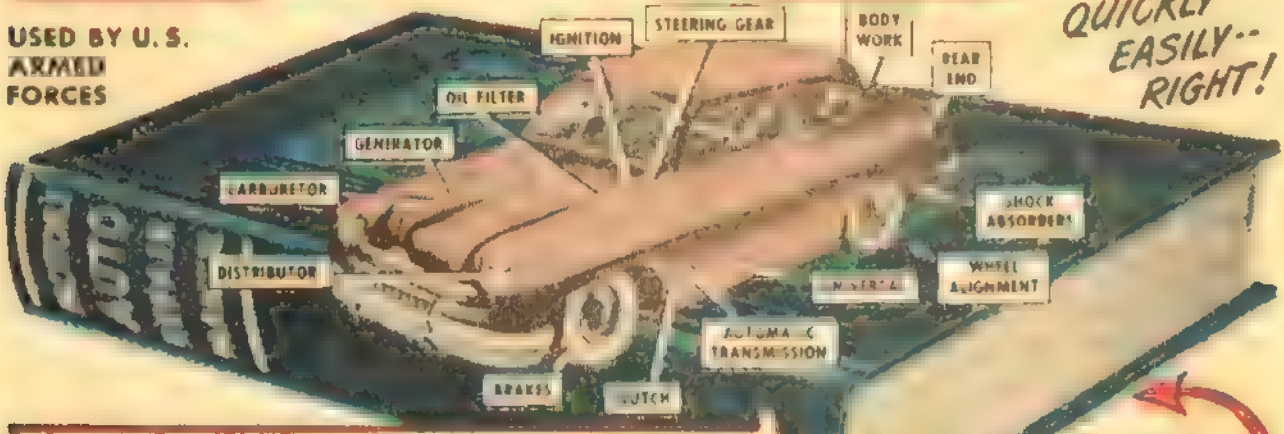

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WARM summer rain pelted softly against the windows of the Rendieu Wax Museum. Jacques, cousin of the museum's owner, Henri Rendieu, extinguished the lamp and slowly climbed the stairs from the dungeon workshop. At the top he stopped and fumbled awkwardly with the outer door latch. Then out in the street he drew closer within his shabby suit coat.

Mumbling to himself he made his way to Madame Blanchard's Lodgings. Here in his cramped garret studio he escaped from the world, which in all his sixty-three years had never shown him the least friendliness. Once the door closed he would straighten visibly, even throw back his shoulders a little.

Here, surrounded by famous wax figures he dreamed, imagining himself in their place and what he would have done were he one of them. He held long conversations with Napoleon, showing the wax emperor just how he could have won the world had he done this and that.

Madame Blanchard had long since become used to his talks with the wax figures and other than seeing that he ate at least one hot meal a week, left him alone. This arrangement suited Jacques, for when he didn't talk to his Friends, he was molding a new one. Sometimes they were so good his cousin Henri would buy one for several franc notes and put it in the museum.

But never did Henri say, "Jacques, mon ami, come, you've worked hard enough. It is time we dined to celebrate the completion of all those fine molds." No! Henri was too busy entertaining in his country home and riding his fast horses. Henri considered him only a poor relation who deserved his contempt.

Why I've worked forty-three years for you Henri, and you've never even asked if I might like to take a rest for a week or so. Now I am an old man — too old even to enjoy my work anymore."

Squinting up at Napoleon, he ran long supple fingers over his bearded chin.

Ah, Napoleon, what would you do in my place? I have worked so long in the museum dungeon, I do not even remember the sunshine. That is bad, a man who doesn't remember the sunshine. Tonight, my Friends, I will make my last figure. You will be surprised when you see who it is. Naughty Ones!" he scolded, and turned each around. "I said it is to be a surprise."

As he worked, he talked on and on about how he would live after he sold Henri this figure. Henri would not like it that he would no longer clean the museum and repair the figures, but that would not make any difference.

With the new dawn Jacques stepped back and surveyed his last masterpiece. His friends were turned back so that they too might see.

Ah, your eyes show you approve. That is good. Now I must leave you, but tonight I will bring Henri and he will make it possible for us to live out our lives in comfort."

It seemed to Henri that Jacques was unusually happy as he followed him up to his studio. He turned up his nose at the dirt and stuffiness. No matter what his cousin wanted

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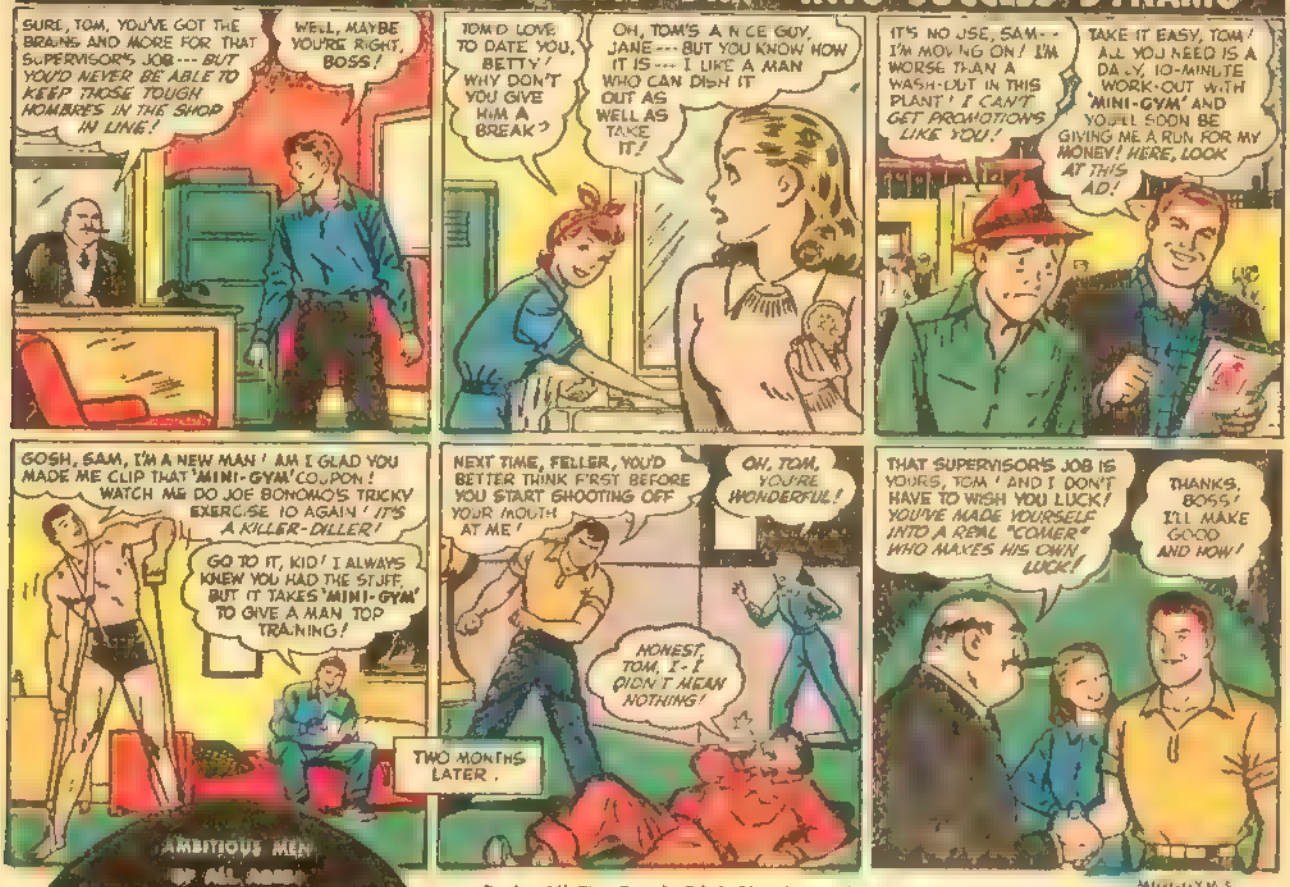
HOW 'MINI-GYM' TURNS PLANT 'DRIP' INTO SUCCESS DYNAMO


SURE, TOM, YOU'VE GOT THE BRAINS AND MORE FOR THAT SUPERVISOR'S JOB --- BUT YOU'D NEVER BE ABLE TO KEEP THOSE TOUGH HOMBRES IN THE SHOP IN LINE!
WELL, MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT, BOSS!
TOM'D LOVE TO DATE YOU, BETTY! WHY DON'T YOU GIVE HIM A BREAK?
OH, TOM'S A NICE GUY, JANE --- BUT YOU KNOW HOW IT IS --- I LIKE A MAN WHO CAN DISH IT OUT AS WELL AS TAKE IT!
IT'S NO USE, SAM --- I'M MOVING ON! I'M WORSE THAN A WASH-OUT IN THIS PLANT! I CAN'T GET PROMOTIONS LIKE YOU!
TAKE IT EASY, TOM! ALL YOU NEED IS A DAILY, 10-MINUTE WORK-OUT WITH 'MINI-GYM' AND YOU'LL SOON BE GIVING ME A RUN FOR MY MONEY! HERE, LOOK AT THIS AD!
GOSH, SAM, I'M A NEW MAN! AM I GLAD YOU MADE ME CLIP THAT 'MINI-GYM' COUPON! WATCH ME DO JOE BONOMO'S TRICKY EXERCISE 10 AGAIN! IT'S A KILLER-DILLER!
GO TO IT, KID! I ALWAYS KNEW YOU HAD THE STUFF, BUT IT TAKES 'MINI-GYM' TO GIVE A MAN TOP TRAINING!
NEXT TIME, FELLER, YOU'D BETTER THINK FIRST BEFORE YOU START SHOOTING OFF YOUR MOUTH AT ME!
OH, TOM, YOU'RE WONDERFUL!
HONEST, TOM, I- I DIDN'T MEAN NOTHING!
TWO MONTHS LATER.
THAT SUPERVISOR'S JOB IS YOURS, TOM! AND I DON'T HAVE TO WISH YOU LUCK! YOU'VE MADE YOURSELF INTO A REAL "COMER" WHO MAKES HIS OWN LUCK!
THANKS, BOSS! I'LL MAKE GOOD AND HOW!

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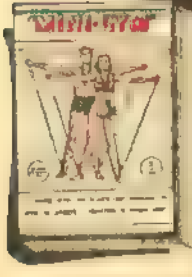

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he would soon be gone from here, he thought to himself.

"Well, Jacques," his voice rose impatiently, "what is it you want?"

Standing beside a draped figure Jacques announced his retirement and made his request. When he finished he drew back the drape.

Henri gasped in horror. Here was a masterpiece indeed. He must have it but not at the cost of losing Jacques and so many francs.

"Mon Dieu, jamais," he thought. "I'll refuse and he'll think I don't care about it, then after he needs money and brings it to the museum I'll give him a few francs and all will be as usual."

Jacques said nothing when Henri refused to buy his new wax figure and left. He watched from the window, and when Henri had disappeared down the boulevard in a carriage, he took the mold to a secret room in his studio to perfect it to his cousin's taste.

The following morning, Henri came as usual to open the museum. Seeing the draped mold inside the door, he smiled. He had won. The fool was probably already at work in the dungeon. He stepped up to the mold savoring the moment. Underneath was a figure so perfect in detail that he thought he could even smell the sulphur and brimstone. For Jacques had molded Lucifer as Henri had never dreamed possible. He remembered the face as he had seen it in the dim flickering light of Jacques' garret, a cruel maniacal smirk twisting the lips in a hideous grimace of evil. And now it was all his. Already his mind tabulated his new success at its showing. It would stand right here under the arch with a subtle red light to make it appear even more life-like.

Jacques had indeed outdone himself, poor idiot. He laughed aloud and drew off the drape.

No one but the wax figures in the museum and Jacques heard Henri Rendieu's laughter turn to horror-stricken screams. For instead of a wax Lucifer, Henri confronted a living Devil of pulsing fetid flesh reaching out its terrible arms to draw him into the ring of smoke and flame that surrounded him.

From some deep inner recess of the museum came peal upon peal of demoniac laughter as the whole thing vanished in a sulphurous cloud.

"You can find no fault with this mold, my dear cousin, can you?" Jacques asked, smiling.

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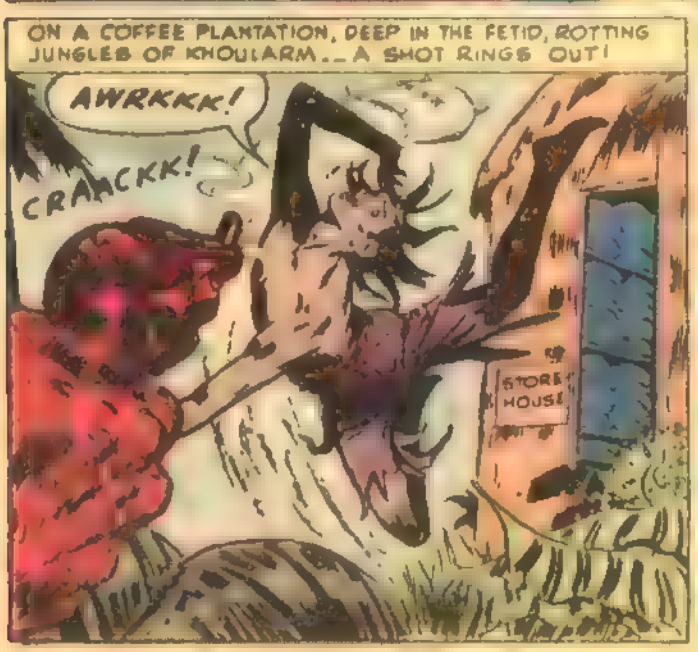

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THE DIRTY, THIEVIN' DOG. HMM, I'M STILL A PRETTY CRACK SHOT

SUDDENLY HE LOOKS UP... STRANGELY AWARE OF HOSTILE EYES AND UNSPOKEN THREATS!
HEY! WATCH THAT SNEAKING UP ON A GUY! I DON'T LIKE! SAVVY? GET BACK TO WORK... UNLESS YOU WANT TO END UP LIKE YOUR BUDDY!

EVENING FALLS FAST IN THE JUNGLE ... HARD AND FAST! BUT THERE'S A COMPARABLE BLACKNESS IN THE ROTTING MIND AND BODY OF "DUTCH" MORGAN!

LISTEN! I LIKE YOU!.. TRUST YOU.. BUT WHEN I WANT... W-WHAT IN THE BLASTED WORLD'S GO N' ON?
THE FUNERAL DRUMS, MY BWANA-MORGAN! I GET OTHER BOTTLE!
BOOM!
BA-
BOOM!

THERE'VE BEEN OTHER DRUMS BEATING THEIR WEIRD TATTOO-CHANTS IN THE SULTRY NIGHTS... BUT MORGAN SENSES A DIFFERENCE THIS TIME ... A DIFFERENCE THAT MAKES HIM CHOKE FOR AIR!
HOT... BLASTED, STINKIN' HEAT! BLASTED DRUMS! YUH UNDERSTAND DRUM TALK, MALIKI! YOU SAVVY DRUMS?
—BOOM-A-DADDA-BOOM!
ME SAVVY GOOD, BWANA-MORGAN! THEY SAY.. DRUMS FOR YOU! THEY SAY... REVENGE FOR KILLING! BOY ONLY STEAL BECAUSE HE HUNGRY! BAD BWANA-MORGAN STARVE WORKERS!
BUNCH OF PAGAN PIGS! I...I'LL SHWEAT IT OUTTA 'EM TOMORROW! NEED A LI'L DRINK! YESSHIR! MEBBE YUH BETTER GET YOUR COUSIN KULA ... MEBBE!
BOOM! BAAA BOOM!
HEAT.. STIFLING HEAT! AND DRUM BEATS FILLING THE NIGHT WITH DREADFUL LAMENT!
HA, FIGGER THEY'LL DRIVE ME WACKY, HUH! HEATHENS! MALIKI!... KULA .YOU'RE THE ONLY ONESH I CAN TRUST! GUARD THISH HOUSE! SHOOT ANYBODY COMESH CLOSESH!
THEY AIN'T SCARIN' ME NONE... NO SHIR! NOT WITH MY GUARDSH GUARDING ME ... NO SHIR! HOT... HOT! NO.SHY DRUMSH!
BOOMALAY BOOM!
DRUMSH... HEAT! WHENNA THEY GONNA SHTOP! CAN'T SHTAND... LISTEN! WHAT'S THAT? WHO'S THERE?
BOOM-BOOMA BOOM
NO! SHTAY WHERE YA ARE! AIEEE!
BOOM-A-DA BOOM DE BOOM!
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THE JUNGLE AIR IS RENT WITH THE PIERCING CRY! MALIKI AND KULA RUN INTO THE ROOM AND

BWANA-MORGAN HE IS VANISH' AND. DRUMS HAVE STOP!

YES, KULA . HE IS GONE ... AND THE DRUMS HAVE GONE!

BUT AT THE EDGE OF THE PLANTATION CLEARING, SHORTLY AFTER, THE DRUMS BEGIN AGAIN

BOOM ALAYA! BOOM ALAYA!

NOT THE FUNERAL BEAT... BUT A JOYFUL BEAT... A BEAT FOR DANCE AND CELEBRATION!

BOOM! BOOM!

AND JOY AND CELEBRATION REGISTER THEIR GAIETY ON THE NATIVE LABORERS!

AI! AI!

YA! AI! AI!

JOYFUL DRUMBEATS IN THE HOLIDAY JUNGLE AIR! AND NONE MORE JOYFUL THAN THE CHIEF DRUM BEATER...

AI!

YA! YA! YA!

BOOM A

LAYA!

BOOM!

AI!

FASTER GO THE CHIEF DRUMMER'S DRUMBEATS! FAST, JOYFUL DRUMBEATS! FAST GO THE DANCERS' FEET! FAST. FREE DANCING FEET! DANCING TO THE BEAT OF A BRAND-NEW DRUM!

BOOM! BOOM!

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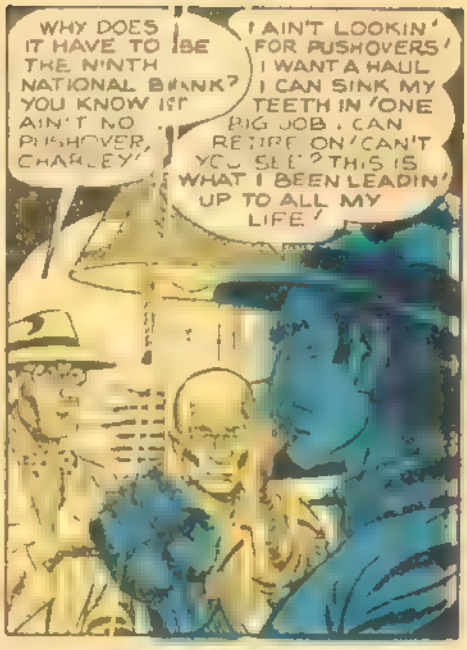
SO THIS IS THE PLAN, EH?
YEAH! THE JOB OF THE CENTURY! NOW DO YOU SEE WHAT I WAS RAVIN' ABOUT?
RAVIN' IS RIGHT! A GUY IS NUTS TO TRY THIS CAPER!

WHAT TAYA MEAN? WHO'S NUTS?
YOU ARE! YOU'LL NEVER GET AWAY WITH IT! THE JOB'S TOO TOUGH! YOU MAY AS WELL GIVE YOURSELF UP RIGHT NOW!
NICK'S RIGHT, CHARLEY! IF YOU WERE SMART, YOU'D CHUCK THIS PLAN IN THE INCINERATOR! BETTER THE PLAN BURNS THAN YOU!

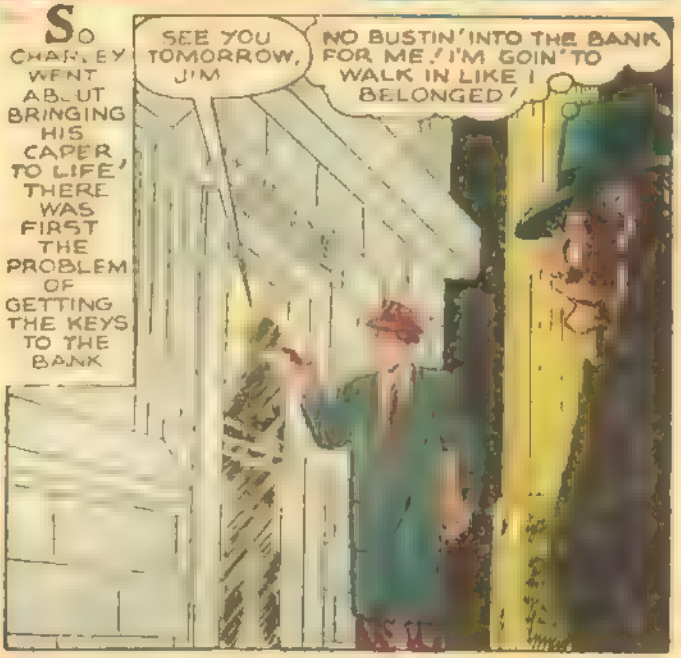
SO THAT'S HOW IT IS! YOU'RE TOO YELLOW TO PULL THIS JOB! CHICKEN-STEALIN' IS YOUR SPEED!
NOW DON'T GET NASTY, CHARLEY! A GUY'S GOT A RIGHT TO DECIDE IF HE WANTS TO CROAK OR NOT! YOUR CAPER IS TOO RISKY!

CRUMB! WHAT DO YOU KNOW? YOU GOT THE BRAIN OF A GRASSHOPPER! YOU NEVER THINK UP AN IDEA IN YOUR LIFE!
THERE YOU GO LOSIN' YER TEMPER FER NOTHIN'! WE DIDN'T SAY WE WASN'T GO'N TO DO THE JOB! WE ONLY SAID WE'D BE CRAZY TO!


WHY DOES IT HAVE TO BE THE N'INTH NATIONAL BANK? YOU KNOW IT AIN'T NO PUSHOVER, CHARLEY!
I AIN'T LOOKIN' FOR PUSHOVERS! I WANT A HAUL I CAN SINK MY TEETH IN! ONE BIG JOB, I CAN RETIRE ON! CAN'T YOU SEE? THIS IS WHAT I BEEN LEADIN' UP TO ALL MY LIFE!

THE BIG JOB! THE GOAL OF ANY SMART GUY! I TRIED EVERY TWO-BIT CRIME IN THE BOOKS! THEY GOT ME NOWHERE! BUT THIS JOB...THIS WILL MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE!

So CHARLEY WENT ABOUT BRINGING HIS CAPER TO LIFE. THERE WAS FIRST THE PROBLEM OF GETTING THE KEYS TO THE BANK



THAT NIGHT CHARLEY'S SECOND-STORY EXPERIENCE STOOD HIM IN GOOD STEAD

AN HOUR LATER, IN CHARLEY'S APARTMENT

NOW DO YOU SEE WHY I RENTED A KEY-MAKING MACHINE? WE'LL HAVE THE SAME KEY RING AS THE CHUMP WHO OPENS THE BANK IN THE MORNIN'!
IT AIN'T GETTIN' IN I'M WORRIED ABOUT, CHARLEY! IT'S GETTING OUT!

ALL DONE! THE KEYS ARE BACK ON THE GUY'S DRESSER! HE'LL NEVER KNOW THEY WERE MISSIN'! NOW WHAT DO YOU THINK OF MY CAPER?
I'LL TELL YOU AFTER, NOT BEFORE THE JOB! BEAT IT BEFORE A COP SEES US!
TWO NIGHTS LATER AT THE REAR ENTRANCE OF THE NINTH NATIONAL BANK
SEE? NO ALARM GO N' OFF... NO JIMMY ! NO NOTHIN'! YOU WALK RIGHT IN LIKE YOU WERE VICE-PRESIDENT!
LET ME WALK OUT LIKE A MILLIONAIRE! THAT'S ALL I'M INTERESTED IN!
THERE'S THE VAULT! LET'S GO TO WORK! THE SAFE'S LIKE ANY OTHER WE TACKLED, EXCEPT IT'S BIGGER!
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! IN A MINUTE, I'LL HAVE PULLED OFF THE BIGGEST JOB OF MY LIFE! NOTHING CAN STOP ME, EITHER! GOT THAT SOUP READY, ED?
W-WAIT! A FLASHLIGHT! SOMEBODY'S COMIN"
STAY WHERE YOU ARE! DON'T TRY ANYTHING FUNNY! YOU HAVEN'T GOT A CHANCE!
W-WE'RE SUNK!
LIKE HECK WE ARE!
LISTEN, CHUMP! THERE'S THREE OF US TO ONE OF YOU! IF YOU OPEN UP, ONE OF US IS BOUND TO PLUG YOU! NOBODY'S STOPPIN' US, SEE!
I'M STOPPING YOU! DON'T TRY ANYTHING! THROW DOWN YOUR GUNS!
OKAY, DOCTOR! YOU WIN! YOU GOT US COLD! NO SENSE BEATIN' OUR HEADS AGAINST A STONE WALL!
BUT YOU AIN'T NO STONE WALL!
Ohhhhhh!

LOOK OUT! H-HE'S GOIN' FOR THE ALARM!
(GASP) W-WHAT'S KEEP'N H-M UP?
BANG
BANG
BANG
YOU WON'T G-GET AWAY GET AWAY (GASP) N-NEVER!
CLANG
NEV... UGHHHHHH
COME BACK! YOU HAVEN'T FINISHED THE JOB COME BACK!
YOU'RE CRAZY! WE'RE GETTIN' OUTTA HERE!
CLANG
CLANG
IT.. IT'S TOO LATE! THE COPS! W-WE'RE TRAPPED!
THERE THEY ARE! IT'S A BANK ROBBERY, SURE ENOUGH!
CLANG
CLANG
CLANG
DON'T SHOOT! FOR HEAVENS SAKE DON'T SHOOT! WE GIVE UP!
NO! THEY DON'T TAKE ME! I'M NOT ROTTIN' IN JAIL! I'M GETTIN' OUTTA HERE! STAY OUTTA THE WAY, COPPERS! I'M WARNIN' YOU...
NOBODY'S STOPPIN' ME! NOBODY!
HE'S CRAZY AS A BEDBUG! DROP HIM!
BANG
BANG
BANG
UURGHHHH!
CHARLEY... (GASP) I-I THEY GOT HIM!
OF COURSE WE GOT HIM! HOW DID THE FOOL EXPECT TO PULL OFF A JOB LIKE THIS IN THE FIRST PLACE?
YOU CAN'T KILL A CHARLEY CHARLEY THOUGHT NOBODY COULD STOP HIM! THAT'S WHAT WAS HIS BIG MOVE! HIS GOAL! HE WAS SURE HE COULD GET AWAY WITH IT!

SURE HE'D STEAL THE MONEY! HE WAS COUNTIN' IT ALREADY PLANNIN' HOW TO SPEND IT! SMELL-HEADED JERK! LOOK AT HIM NOW!
THEY NEVER GET AWAY! THAT'S A LESSON YOU CHUMPS LEARN TOO LATE!
HOWEVER, A FEW NIGHTS LATER
I HEARD AN EXPLOSION! LOOK!
THE VAULT'S BEEN BLOWN! GET THE POLICE!
I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT! THERE ISN'T A CLUE! NOT A FINGERPRINT! BUT THE MONEY'S GONE!
WHAT BEATS ME! HOW THE THIEF VANISHED SO QUICKLY! IT COULDN'T HAVE BEEN TWO MINUTES LATER THAT THE WATCHMEN SHOWED UP! YET THEY SAW NOTHING!
AT THAT VERY MOMENT, IN THE SHADOWS OF AN EMPTY CELLAR..
I DID IT! I TOLD THEM THEY COULDN'T STOP ME!..NOT IF I HAD TO RETURN FROM THE DEAD TO PROVE IT! LET 'EM STOP ME NOW! LET 'EM FIRE AT ME ALL THEY PLEASE! LET 'EM TRY KILLING A GHOST! HEH! HEH!
THE POLICE DON'T HAVE TO SHOOT ANY MORE, CHARLEY! I'M HERE TO STOP YOU! YES, ANOTHER GHOST! THE GHOST OF THE WATCHMAN YOU KILLED!
NO! N-NO! I WON'T LET YOU STOP ME!
I'M NOT ASKING YOUR PERMISSION!
UKKKKK!
THIS MONEY IS GOING BACK AND IT'S GOING TO STAY THERE!
LOOK (GASP). THE MONEY! IT'S BACK! BUT WHO RETURNED IT? WHEN? NOBODY WALKED IN OR OUT!
NOBODY WILL! YOU'LL NEVER ROB THIS BANK, CHARLEY! NOT FOR ALL ETERNITY! I'LL ALWAYS BE HERE TO STOP YOU! STILL THINK YOU'RE GOING TO GET AWAY WITH IT?
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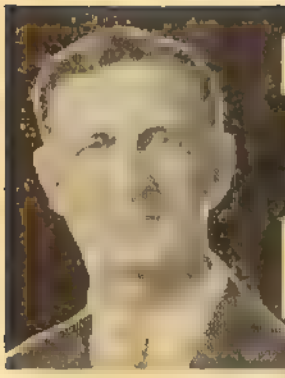

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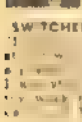

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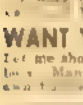

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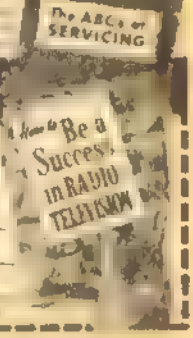

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RIFLES ARE LIFTED SNAPPILY TO SHOULDERS...THE BARRELS SWAY, THEN COME TO REST ON THEIR TARGETS! PETROFF LEANS FORWARD, BREATHING RAGGEDLY...
READY... AIM...

A SHARP VOLLEY RIPS THE MORNING STILLNESS TO ECHOING SHREDS...THE VICTIMS SAG TO THE GROUND, AND FROM IVAN PETROFF'S EYES, SLOWLY DROP SADISTIC TEARS OF JOY.
FIRE!

PETROFF'S PULSE IS THUMPING WILDLY AS HE RUSHES TOWARDS THE FALLEN MEN
MY CORPSES...MY CORPSES! I MUST MAKE CERTAIN THEY ARE DEAD!
GOOD GOOD..THE MEN SHOT WELL! NOW FOR THE LAST ONE.
HE STILL BREATHES!
GASPING WITH FURY, PETROFF REACHES FOR HIS PISTOL...
CRACK! CRACK! CRACK!
THEN AFTER THE BRUTAL COUP DE GRACE...
FOOL! KULAK! THERE WAS ONE STILL BREATHING! IT IS BECAUSE OF MEN LIKE YOU THAT I CAN NEVER REST!
BECAUSE (GASP) OF FILTHY CAPITALIST SWINE LIKE YOU..WHO DO NOT TRAIN...(GASP) THEIR MEN!
COMMANDER PETROFF PLEASE YOUR HEART! REMEMBER WHAT THE DOCTOR SAID ABOUT YOUR HEART!

BECAUSE OF TRAITORS LIKE YOU... A-A-A-R-G-H!
QUICK! TWO MEN STEP FORWARD! CARRY THE COMMANDER TO HIS QUARTERS!..HE'S SUFFERING ANOTHER HEART ATTACK!
THE OLD PIG SURE HAS A SPLENDID STY!
SH-H-H...HE MAY BE LISTENING!
LATER, WHEN THE DOCTOR ARRIVES.
TELL ME THE TRUTH DOCTOR! DO I HAVE MUCH LONGER TO LIVE?
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I AM GLAD! YOU HEAR ME, DOCTOR!...HE! HA! HA! ...I AM GLAD!
COMRADE PETROFF WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?!
I AM AN OLD MAN, DOCTOR!..ALL MY LIFE I HAVE BEEN BUSY KILLING! BEFORE THE REVOLUTION, I WAS A HANGMAN FOR THE TSAR...THEN I JOINED THE RED ARMY AND WORKED FOR THE PARTY! ALWAYS I HAVE KILLED...WITHOUT REST! MY LIFE HAS BEEN A GOOD ONE... I KILLED WELL...BUT NOW...(GASP!). NOW... I AM WEARY!
AND I WELCOME NOW... THE ENDLESS REST... THAT DEATH WILL ...A-A-A-R-G-H!
HIS PULSE HAS STOPPED! COMRADE PETROFF HAS BEEN GRANTED HIS WISH ...HE IS DEAD!
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THE NEXT DAY, AS PETROFF'S FUNERAL PROCESSION PASSES THE CAMP...
THE VERMIN SMILE BECAUSE PETROFF IS DEAD! THEY DO NOT KNOW THAT PETROFF WAS SO WEARY WITH KILLING THAT HE WELCOMED DEATH! NOW HE WILL REST FOREVER!

THE GRAVE IS FILLED...THE STONE IS PLACED THE OFFICIAL MOURNERS LEAVE AND PETROFF IS QUIET AT LAST...
IVAN
PETROFF
IN PEACE

NIGHT FALLS...THE MOON IS PALE...THE SHADOWS ARE LONG...THE WIND WAILS THROUGH THE TREES...AND STILL PETROFF RESTS QUIETLY...

THEN, SUDDENLY OUT OF THE NIGHT COMES A BLACK-CLOAKED FIGURE THAT BENDS OVER PETROFF'S GRAVE AND CALLS SOFTLY...
PETROFF... IVAN PETROFF...

PETROFF CAN'T YOU HEAR ME? YOU MUST COME, PETROFF...I NEED YOU!
PEACE

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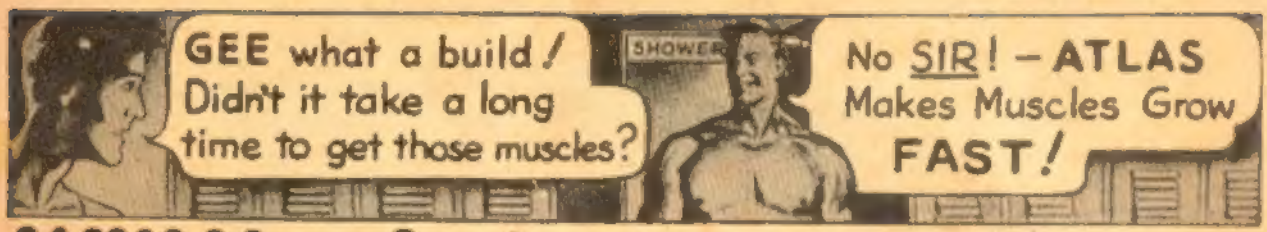

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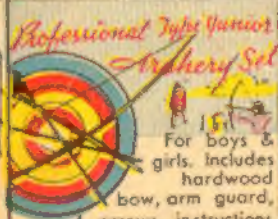

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